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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-26 are all the claims pending in the application.

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 11, 14-15 and 17-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sitrick (4,572,509) in view of Wilson et al (5,411,258). The Examiner has repeated verbatim the basis for rejection of claims 1-2, 6-7, 11 and 14-15. With respect to the newly added claims 17 and 25, the Examiner has applied the original rationale used to reject claims 1 and 6. In rejecting claims 18, 21, 22 and 26, the Examiner uses the identical rationale applied to the original rejection of claim 11. As to claims 19-20, the Examiner admits that the